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1. Between mid-September and 7 October 1953, air activity by swept-back jet fighters at Laerz airfield was more intensive than previously. Mostly formation flights were made.

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2. On 14 October, there was intensive air activity. At 6:30 p.m., the following MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field: 4 at the east end of the runway, 46 at the west edge of the field, 12 on the southern edge of the field, and 5 to 10 in the southeastern corner of the field.

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On 15 and 16 October, no air activity was observed while the weather was foggy.

Comment. Laerz airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments with a total of about 70 MiG-15s. Of the aircraft numbers mentioned, [REDACTED] is reported for the first time.

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